



Agenda

Peer Review:
Integrated Programme for the Social
Inclusion of Roma

Greece, 27-28 May 2009



On behalf of the
European Commission
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities





Tuesday 26th of May

Arrival of participants in Athens

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20:30 Informal meeting at Hotel. Welcome cocktail offered by the Ministry of Employment and Social Protection.

Wednesday 27th of May

Venue: DIVANI PALACE ACROPOLIS Hotel, 19-25 Parthenonos, P.C 117-42 Athens

Chair: Katerina Giantsiou, Ministry of Employment and Social Protection
Discussion facilitated by Monika Natter, ÖSB Consulting

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome address**
by the Greek Ministry of Employment and Social Protection and the Ministry of the Interior
by Marie-Anne Paraskevas and Peter Lelie, European Commission
- 09:30 – 09:50 **Presentation of the Greek national integrated programme for the social inclusion of Roma - The policy background**
by Louiza Kyriakaki, Ministry of the Interior
- 09:50 – 10:10 **Recording of the Existing Situation of the Roma Population in Greece on the basis of the National Research of 2008 - Evaluation of Actions of the Greek Integrated Action Program for the Social Inclusion of Roma 2000 – 2007**
by Chrisostomos Kalogirou , National Expert, NGO OIKOKOINONIA- Citizens' Initiative for the Social Residence and the Support of Social Inclusion of Rom
- 10:10 – 11:00 **Q&A, discussion**
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 11:50 **A renewed Long Term Strategy - Action Plan for Territorial and Social Policies - Administrative Setup: Coordination and Management Structure for the new Integrated Programme**
by Chrisostomos Kalogirou
- 11:50 – 13:00 **General discussion: Exchange with the peer countries**
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 16:30 **Site visit**
- 16:30 – 17:30 **General discussion**
(study visit, further comments/suggestions on the Greek policy)
- 20:30 Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Employment

Thursday 28th of May

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Discussion facilitated by Monika Natter, ÖSB Consulting

- 09:00 – 09:20 **NGOs statements**
- 09:20 – 09:40 **How are European countries tackling the kind of Roma integration problems confronting Greece?**
by Will Guy, Thematic expert, University of Bristol
- 09:40 – 13:00 **General discussion: Key Sectors: Setting goals and defining priorities for developing an effective pathway to integration**
(including a coffee break) Chair: Will Guy
- **Housing:**
How can a Roma housing programme meet the accommodation needs of highly differentiated groups?
 - **Education:**
How should the main barriers to Roma educational integration be overcome?
 - **Integrated approach:**
Does an integrated approach, linking housing and education initiatives with employment, health and welfare aspects, offer more sustainability?
NB: One should bear in mind that planning should be based on a pathway to integration (gradual integration and setting of priorities) and it should encompass actions responding to current emergency situations
 - **Institutional structure:**
What institutional and managerial structures are desirable for effective management and cooperation of participating bodies?
 - **Access to funding:**
What types of available funding are most appropriate for Roma integration initiatives?
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Lessons learned**
- General assessment of the model and further recommendations
 - Relevance to other peer countries and stakeholders representatives
- by Will Guy
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Concluding remarks**
by Marie-Anne Paraskevas, European Commission
by the Ministry of Employment and the Ministry of the Interior
- 15:00 *Close of Review*